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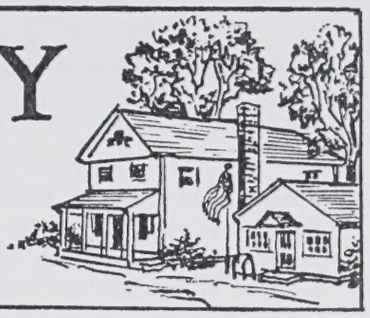


May, 1975

OUR TOWN

Town Meeting, May 3

It was a balmy early spring day and the Townspeople and voters turned out by the score. The following is a brief summary of action taken at the meeting. The Elections: All the winners defeated their opponents by a handy majority. Selectmen: Richard D. Tryon defeated Stanley Zilka. Assessor: Benjamin Zackim defeated Susan Le Prevost. Library Trustee: Georgiana O'Connell and Fred Lancome defeated Lois Ryder. School Committee: Norman Seigerman defeated Marilyn Stevens. Cemetery Committee: Florence Brow defeated Joseph Lanoue. Licenses for conducting Beano in town were voted down by a narrow margin, 132 to 112.

The Town Warrant

Under Article 1 it was voted to continue operating the Tow Elementary School. Under Article 3 the salaries of certai Highway Laborers for the Town were raised. An expert Mechanic for the Town will be hired when the occasion arises at $4.00 an hour. Under Articles 4-7 $75,720 was tran ferred, raised of appropriated for the Highway Account. $3,500 was also appropriated for a new sander for the Town. Article 20, relative to snow and ice removal from pri vate roads populated by more than 4 dwellings was defeated on a legal technicality. Article 12 related to the Town Master Plan. Randy Neel and Janet Flory described the work that has been completed so far and the work they intend to do between May and December in order to complete the Town Plan. To date, they have compiled a large amount of information regarding the local environment, interviewed Townspeople, established a Citizens' Advisory Committee, and written a questionnaire. They have also completed most of the maps for the natural features inventory. Several of these maps were on display at the meeting. It was stated that, from June through August, Randy and Janet intend to live and work in Monterey during the week. The work they will be doing includes analyzing the questionnaires that have been returned, working with the Planning Board and Citizens' Advisory Committee on Town Goals, writing the text for the plan, and preparing a proposed land use plan and a set of land use recommendations In the fall they will be writing the final draft of the plan and intend to submit it to the publisher in October. At the end of their presentation they invited those interested to attend the Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. in The Selectmens' Office. The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, May 29. After these young people's presentation the Town Meeting recessed for lunch for one hour.

After the luncheon break the following Articles were discussed: The creation of a Council of Human Services. Town Counsel Robert Donelan told the voters the article was illegal since it involved private agencies seeking public money. The Town of Alford's request to use our Town Dump was unanimously rejected. Contacted at his home Alford Selectman Gustav Berkel said "We're a little disappointed, of course." It was voted by a very close majority to approve the Scenic Mountain Act, which authorizes the Conservation Commission to review and control proposed development on the Town's hillsides. It was agreed to appropriate $275 to pay the Great Barrington Police Department for the use of its communication system and jail. Another Article (22) related to the appropriation of the sum of $10,000 for the renovation of the Monterey Fire Station. This will be provided for by sums from Federal Revenue Sharing. With regret, Article 23, requesting the appropriation of $720 for operating expenses for the Town Community Center for young people, from school age on up, and the senior citizens of the Town was turned down. It was felt that Will Friedman, who has received CETA funds for this project had not sufficently considered the various aspects of this operation. Town Counsel also stated that it was illegal to operate such a center unless the funds were appropriated by an official of the Town. The center will try to raise private funds for the project. At the close of the meeting, under Additional Business, Tom Gillis raised the question of the acquisition of properties adjacent to Lake Garfield and elsewhere (Camp Glenmere and Camp Jason) to create further open spaces in the Town, as well as opening the recreational facilities of these two camps to the residents. He was encouraged to pursue this investigation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Does anyone know what happened to the big bass drum that belonged to Henry Fargo who died in 1928. It was part of the cornet band of Monterey at that time. Contact Wallace Tryon if you know of its whereabouts.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Masses at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

Georgiana O'Connell has been elected to the Parish Council.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .

Notes The Parish Council meets each second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Any member of the parish is invited to bring concerns and attend the meetings of the council.

Massachusetts Conference Makes Decision on Framingham Center

For several years the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ has been wrestling over the decision as to whether to sell the Framingham Conference Center or develop it more fully. The decision came at the Boston meetings early in May when by a large majority the vote was made to keep the center and to move the executive offices from Boston to Framingham. Another significant event of the Conference was the presentation of the folk opera by Stephen Rose, "Jesus Christ, God's Outlaw." Those performing in it were Stephen and Lois Rose and Larry and Alice Spatz. It was well received at the Conference. It is expected that there may be opportunities for additional performances of this work in the Berkshires in the near future.

First Phase of Restoration Program nearing Completion

On Pentecost Sunday, May 18, the worship services of the church are to return to the sanctuary. Although numerous parts of the sanctuary work are not completed the decision was made to return to the sanctuary on Pentecost Day and celebrate that the true life of the Church lies in an ongoing and unfinished task. In connection with the Pentecost worship there is to be confirmation of youth and the celebration of Holy Communion.

N O I S E

I know a young girl who is kept awake by the spring peepers, those little tree frogs with the big sound. When I pass her home the hi-fi threatens to puncture my eardrums but I have no doubt that she can easily retire at night with the full blast of hard rock lulling her to sleep. It must be the quality of the frogs' song that disturbs her rest and not the number of decibels such songs produce.

A pneumatic drill in New York sets my teeth on edge, even when it comes to me from a distance, muffled by the sounds of traffic. When I have been privileged to watch a pileated woodpecker in action, his beakwork was every bit as earshattering as the city drill, yet I wanted to jump for joy at the sight and sound of him. I once knew a flicker who delighted in attacking an empty oildrum. The sound was overwhelming but I laughed at the silly fool and his five a.m. antics and had no desire to put cotton in my ears or throw a frying pan after him.

A grandfather bullfrog in the pond, a katydid on a limb tell me summer has reached its zenith. The wind that pulls at ice-laden branches in winter shuts me into my home more efficiently than a locked door. A taxicab honking impatiently in the big city makes me wonder what all the rush is about. A garbage truck compacting its load at four a.m. puts murder in my heart. A snowplow lumbering over Monterey roads is reassuring; the same contraption in New York gives me nightmares about the piles of slush I will have to wade through to catch a noisy bus. A fire siren in New York is no more than yet another nuisance but when I hear the Monterey siren my heart misses a beat. It could be my neighbor's house in flames, it could be a brush fire racing up a hillside. I realize how tightly I am locked into a rural community, how little social cohesion exists in New York.

A chainsaw buzzing speaks of a warm fireplace; a motorbike shattering the quiet during a walk brings to mind the wanton abuse of our limited natural resources. A swallow's titter in May means fewer gnats; a crow's call in December tells me Nature's garbage collectors are at work.

We stay in touch with our environment through our ears. And whether we interpret random sounds of noise as pleasant or unpleasant depends on the message such noises convey to us. If ever I should get lost during a winter hike, I think even the splutter of a snowmobile would be a welcome noise.

Loul McIntosh
Gould Farm

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Sometimes I learn more about life when I am relaxed on a vacation than when I am working hard at it. While vacationing recently on a Florida beach I had a striking lesson on seeing. Walking the beach my eyes tended to search out fossilized bones; my daughter saw fossilized shark teeth and my wife was spotting unusual shell formations. Each of us tended to overlook what the others were finding right under our noses. It was plain that we were selective and limited in our seeing. I did find that when I became particularly interested in the fossilized shark teeth, then I started to miss seeing the bone fragments. So I recognized that I was strongly inclined toward one-tract seeing.

What I observed on the beach was not strange but very characteristic of the way we humans all see. Seeing of all kinds is shaped as much by the seer as by what is seen. Several days ago two men were reporting on a meeting both had attended. One man saw only the issues that were discussed. The other told only of the power plays, the slights and the maneuvering he saw going on between persons and parties. Each was seeing a part of the action yet each was distorting the total picture. The man who was seeing only the relationships was limited in seeing what was going on in relationships. The other failed to see the implications of the relationships.

If only each of us had a little more awareness and humility over our blind spots we might not be so quick to condemn others who do not see as we do. I find myself becoming very impatient with the mentality of the military person. He pushes for higher and higher arms budgets and thinks it a waste of good money to worry about feeding starving people in the world. From my way of seeing, his policy is one of stark madness. He in turn accuses me of being soft-headed, since we obviously live in a world that respects only power. This military man and I gaze at each other over a vast chasm and neither of us can understand why the other is so obviously screwed up in his thinking. Name calling and charges of madness will not move us one step closer to seeing alike. Perhaps, indeed, given the great difference in our respective ways of seeing, we shall never find ourselves standing on common ground. Nevertheless, I hope he will not dismiss me as of no consequence and I hope I can respect his sincerity even though I cannot see as he does.

If we cannot develop more understanding for those who see differently than we presently do, then we are making the way unnecessarily difficult for others as well as ourselves. Until we take more seriously the way our perception is slanted by our inner perspective we will fail in improving our capacity to improve our vision. The awareness of the distortions in my seeing leaves me with no recourse but to repeat these distortions over and over again.

Sometimes I find myself thinking that as we stub our toes on some of life's experiences we might come to recognize patterns that betray us. Some of us have grown up in a generation taught to trust "science" as though the progress of scientific knowledge just had to make things better. We failed to see that any scientific advance is a double-edged sword. It can as easily be used for destruction as construction. Our generation came to trust economic and political answers. Yet some of the toe-stubbing we have been going through lately in our blithe trust in economic and politically naive solutions should be alerting us to the blind spots in our seeing. Many of our generation have had to experience disillusionment with the ways we have tried to solve life with external solutions.

At first it looks so easy to by-pass the difficult "inner vision" for which earlier generations paid such a dear price. I wonder if, right now, we are not going through a time that provides an excellent opportunity for learning more about better seeing. If we are concerned about human values, then we may learn to seek the "inner vision" of humanity.

Indeed, we immediately start creating the world around us according to our seeing. It is no wonder that our fascinating with external solutions has raised such havoc among us. I wish for you, as I wish for myself, that capacity for "inner vision" by which we become true to that which is basic to our nature.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
And there was no more sea."

-- Revelations

The Monterey Historical Society museum is the culmination of many years of dreams, plans and work. Julius Miner, Edith Wilson and Marjorie McLaughlin originated the project. Plans for an extension to the Library were drawn and a fund drive started. A little later Della Tryon, Leah Bohn and Nina Tryon formed the Monterey Historical Society and had it incorporated. In the following years we have tried to create an interest in the history of Monterey, add to the building fund and collect artifacts. At last the dreams have come true. Hard work has paid off. But there is still much to be done. We shall need a map case, file cabinet and chairs to start. To accomplish this it has been suggested that a sale of antiques, crafts, collectibles and old and new articles be held in June or July.

We also need donations! At present we have several beautiful pieces of cut glass, a churn, two new battery-operated early American style clocks, a polaroid camera, an afghan and an early American cook book. We also have a portable electric sewing machine which is very old but it works. Do you have any crystal, china or anythin in good condition which is saleable.

Ruth Alexander has consented to act as chairman and will need help. The Alexanders are the present owners of old Morse School House. And Jim Pearson will store any donations until sale time. Volunteers will also be needed to help with cataloguing our treasures to be displayed in the museum.

I want to take this opportunity to thank members and friends for the help, cooperation and financial assistance which have made this project possible and I hope for your continued support.

Sally Fijux
President

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

On April 2 Monterey Grange enjoyed a Conservation Program in charge of Floyd McKay and Stanley Zilka. First and Second Degrees were conferred on April 16. First Degree Master was Floyd McKay and Second Degree Master was Rupert King. Candidates from Monterey Grange were Helen Schroder and Mary Whitney. Also receiving degrees were Cynthia Pease from Sandisfield and E. Van Alstyne from Stockbridge. Deputy Maurice Brazie made his official visitation. The afghan that was raffled off for the new sash fund was won by Olga Koloski of Sandisfield. The Youth Committee recently made cash donations to the Massachusetts State Grange Leadership Fund, Massachusetts State Grange Educational Aid Fund and National Leadership Fund. Worthy Master John Lossen has returned from Winsted Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery.

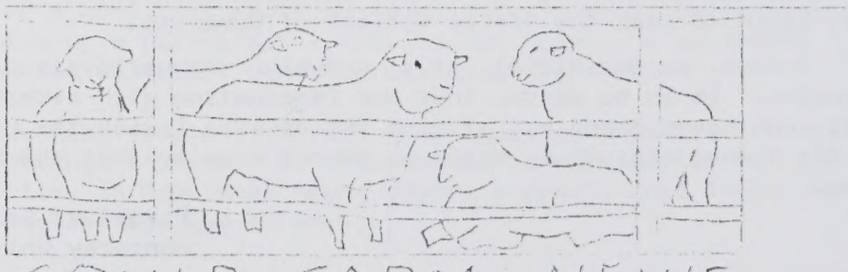
At the May 7 meeting the Third and Fourth degrees were conferred on Lee Metallo, Mary Whitney and Helen Schroder. Mary Wallace and the Ladies' Degree Team conferred the Third degree and Ronnie Diel and the Berkshire County Fourth Degree team conferred the Fourth degree. There were 76 members and guests representing 11 Massachusetts Granges and from Canaan, N.Y. The next meeting will be May 21. The theme of the Program will be musical, in charge of Olive McKay and the Music Committee.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

Open house was held on May 7 at the Mill River School and at the same time we had a food sale to fund the 4th Grade trip to Hancock Shaker Village. On April 30 Judy Salisbury was the guest speaker. She is the Outreach Worker for the Massachusetts State Human Resources Bureau. On May 27 we will be happy to have as our guest Mrs. Millicent McIntosh, former President of Barnard College. This occasion will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Mill River School.

Cynthia Weber
President



Kent Smith, our Executive Director, has returned from a month-long visit to halfway houses in England. He found nothing similar to the concept of Gould Farm in his travels. Rick Nathan, son of Charles and Dorothy Nathan, old friends of the Farm, has come to spend some time as a worker here.

Rose McKee

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — Mothers' Day. Court of Awards will be held on May 21 and the girls are busy practicing the Brownie song, promise and handshake. The Brownies, along with their leader, Elisabeth Pizzichemi, helped with the roadside clean-up on May 10.

Juniors & Cadettes — A dinner is planned for May 17 at the church social room. This dinner is for all Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and their parents. The starting time is 6:30. The Poppy Patrol, Cadettes, will be cooking the turkey dinner. The girls are working on their Chef Badge. Badges will be given out that evening. The guest from Barrington will be Sue Farnum. Mary Thorn, Kitty Hastedt, Ann Bynack, Sue Farnum and Barbara Sayers attended the Delegates' dinner for Western Massachusetts in Amherst. The presented neighborhood 11. The Court of Awards will be held on May 21 at Monument Mountain School at 7:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS

Cubs and Webelos — Pack 51 of Monterey-New Marlborough participated in the Great Trail Council "Scout Show '75" at the University of Massachusetts. Under the direction of Maryellen Brown and leader Pat Andrus, the Webelos participating were: Jimmy Makuc, Jimmy Gauthier, Todd Beattie, Todd Clark, Joey Hall, Ricky Andrus and one Bear, Jon Andrus and one Wolf, Kurt Callahan. The Great Trail Council gave out badges to the boys selling 12 tickets or more. Those receiving the badges were: Todd Clark, Todd Beattie, Jimmy Makuc, Matthew Morehouse, Jon Andrus, Dennis O'Connor, Rudra Kieler, Michael Bachetti, Scott Smith and Robert Litchfield. The Cubs under the leadership of Claudette Callahan and Barbara Gauthier have been making brownies. The boys that are working on their Bear Badge have been doing the Protection Achievement. The boys made pencil holders out of empty spools of thread. Flowers were made out of pencils. This was for Mothers' Day. Plans are underway to visit the Police Station in Great Barrington. This month the Webelos will be working on the Naturalist Badge. The Cubs and Webelos will end this year's meetings with a picnic in the first part of June.

4-H CLUBS

Stamp Club — The Lick'em & Stick'em stamp club made up a poster on Bi-Centennial stamps. The poster consisted of a map of Boston and vicinity with the stamps commemorating each town or event in the proper place. The poster was exhibited at the 4-H Night held at the Grange Hall in Sheffield.

Livestock Club — The Wooly, Feather, Fur Farmers gave a demonstration on "How to Prepare a Chicken for a Show." Susan Heath, Susan O'Connor and Mary O'Connor gave the demonstration at the 4-H Night in Sheffield. A note to all capon and chicken raisers: the first Poultry Clinic was held on May 13 in Pittsfield. The second clinic will be held at Monument Mountain in Great Barrington on May 21 at 7:30. The final one will be on May 28 at Monument Mountain at 7:30. Those wishing to attend any or all please contact Gail Heath or Kathleen Gillis.

Garden Club & Community Club — The Community Club had an exhibit on Developing Black and White Film. The exhibit was set up and explained by Shawn Ryder. The Monterey Greenthumbs held an election of officers at a recent meeting. Those elected were: President, Warren Thomson, Vice-President, William Bynack and Teen Leader Shawn Ryder. The club exhibited plants that were started from seed at the 4-H Night. A group of boys and girls attended a Gardening Clinic in Pittsfield on April 29. Ann Bynack and Lois Ryder accompanied Susan O'Connor, Wendy Bynack, Mary O'Connor, Mark Makuc, Jimmy Makuc, John Makuc, Shawn Ryder and Kevin Bradley.

Horse Club — The Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club sponsored a Horse Clinic on April 19 and May 3 for the Coggins test, 1st and 2nd E & W shots and also for tetanus. Approximately 40 horses were done by the Collins-Breslin Veterinary Service. Kristine Heath attended a Horse Clinic on Western Equitation at Swampy Acres in Dalton on April 26. Susan Heath, Kristine Heath, Pam Gauthier and Jessica Konigsberg participated in the Horse Bowl Contest on April 15 in Pittsfield. Kristine Heath and Linda Hall attended a 4-H Horse Leaders' Field Day on April 12 at the University of Massachusetts. The Lectures they attended were Longeing, Loading and Trailering, also Field Trials for 4-H Horses. Linda Hall gave a report on their trip to the club at their last meeting. The club has purchased a set of slides that will be kept at the 4-H office in Pittsfield to be used by any of the horse clubs in the county. It is entitled "What a Judge Looks for in Equitation Classes." Debbie Plimpton, our 4-H agent, attended our last meeting.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Horse Show — On May 25, at Gould Farm, there will be a Horse Show starting at 1:00 for residents of Monterey only. This show is sponsored by the businesses of Monterey. Proof of a negative Coggins test is a must for any horse entering this show.

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MANY THANKS TO ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS WHO HELPED THIS YEAR IN THE ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP, AND ALSO TO THE TRUCK DRIVERS AND TRUCK OWNERS WHO PARTICIPATED!

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month our especial thanks go to Dr. & Mrs. James Luther Adams, David & Irene Bach, Dr. Alfred Emmel, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gunther, Mr. & Mrs. George Helmrich, Mr. & Mrs. G. Ives, Mr. Kenneth Kahn, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kleban and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wocel. God bless you all for your help and support!

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